



There's No Place Like Downtown!

Whether you are planning a weekend getaway or a two-week excursion, Virginia's Main Street communities should be on your itinerary. Across Virginia you'll find 20 unique Main Street communities recognized for their historic architecture, one-of-a-kind businesses, special events, historic and natural attractions, and old-fashioned hospitality. Also, they're within minutes of other vacation destinations, major highways and scenic by-ways.

Restaurants and Lodging

Some of Virginia's finest restaurants are to be found in Main Street communities. Whether you are looking for sophisticated, continental cuisine or traditional Southern fare, you'll find something to tempt you at a Main Street restaurant. Even a brief stop for lunch can become a vacation treat. Overnight accommodations in Virginia's Main Street communities include lovely bed and breakfasts, as well as historic and upscale hotels. Stop by for the night or stay for a few days.



Vintage Virginia

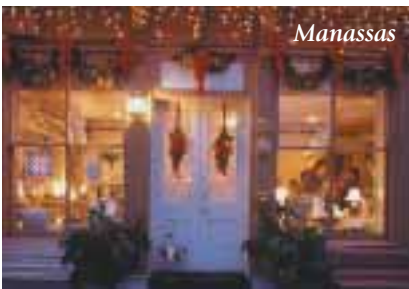
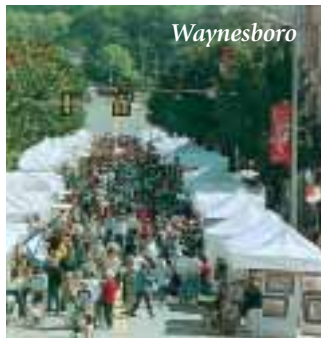
Virginia's reputation for fine wine has flourished and so has the popularity of its wineries and vineyards as tourist attractions. Located in or near Main Street communities, Virginia's 80-plus wineries offer tours, wine tastings, and an education in the art and science of wine making. For a free copy of the Virginia Wineries Festival and Tour Guide call 1-800-828-4637 or visit the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services web site at www.virginiawines.org.

Scenic Virginia

Scenic roads abound in Virginia! Getting off the interstate and taking a Virginia Byway, Scenic Road, or national scenic parkway adds to the road trip experience! Main Street communities are surrounded by scenic routes. For a free map of Virginia's great scenic drives, call the Virginia Department of Transportation at 804-786-2801 or visit their web site at www.VirginiaDOT.org.

Special Events

All year long Main Street communities host a variety of special events. Concerts, antique shows, farmers' markets and other exciting activities fill the calendar. Fall is a special time of year for the many Main Street communities near the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. Also, Virginia Main Street communities plan many special holiday activities in November and December.



itinerary and change what could be a simple road trip into the vacation of your lifetime.

Virginia Main Street Contact Information

If you would like information about the Main Street Program in a community, please call the number listed. For visitor information, use the web site.

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www.centertownbedford.com

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www.berryvillemainstreet.org

Culpeper
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www.culpeperdowntown.com

Danville
(434) 791-4470
www.downtown-danville.com

Franklin
(757) 562-6900
www.franklinva.com

Harrisonburg
(540) 432-8922
www.downtownharrisonburg.org

Lexington
(540) 463-7191
www.downtownlexington.com

Luray
(540) 743-7700
www.townofluray.com

Lynchburg
(804) 528-3950
www.downtownlynchburg.com

Manassas
(877) 848-3018
www.visitmanassas.org

Marion
(276) 783-4190
www.mariondowntown.org

Martinsville
(276) 632-5688
www.martinsvilleuptown.org

Orange
(540) 672-2540
www.townoforangeva.org

Radford
540-731-3656
www.mainstreetradford.org

Rocky Mount
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www.historicrockymount.com

South Boston
(434) 575-6246
www.downtownsouthboston.com

Staunton
(540) 332-3867
www.stauntondowntown.org

Warrenton
(540) 349-860
www.historicwarrenton.org

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(540) 942-6705
www.waynesborodowntown.org

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(540) 722-7575
www.ci.winchester.va.us/otdb

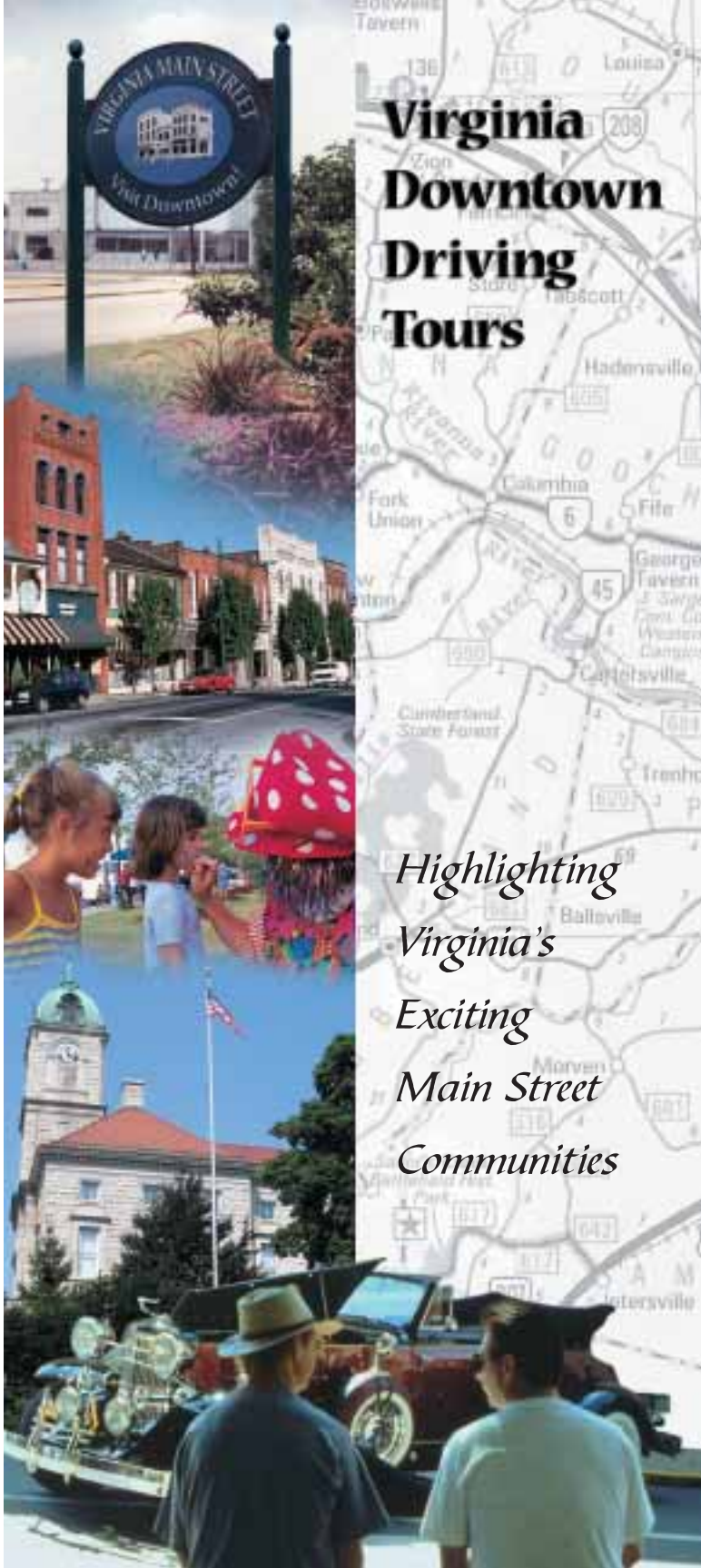


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Photos on cover, from top: Virginia Main Street sign, Lynchburg, Franklin, Harrisonburg, and Warrenton.



Highlighting Virginia's Exciting Main Street Communities

College sports, extreme sports ... you name it. There's something for every interest, within minutes of Virginia's Main Streets!

Virginia Golf Guide.

Want more? Check out Luray Caverns, a U.S. Natural Landmark and the East Coast's largest and most popular caverns. Strap on the skis or snowboards and scream down the mountain inside at Massanutten near Harrisonburg and the mountain near Waynesboro. Quiet Please! - the top golfers in the world tee it up in the President's Cup between Manassas and Warrenton. Then it's a straight drive and a short putt to Virginia's great courses, from the mountains to the shore. Call 1-800-932-2259 for your copy of the Virginia Golf Guide.

Ready, Set, HIKE! National forests and state parks offer spectacular waterfalls and trails, man-made beaches and lakes, and rustic cabins for lodging. A Main Street home-cooked meal is just a short hike off the fabled Appalachian Trail near Marion, Waynesboro, and Luray. Call the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at 1-800-933-PARK (in Richmond call 804-225-3867) for more information on our beautiful state parks, including Hungry Mother Mountain, Sky Meadows near Warrenton and several more.

beautiful rivers - the James, the New and the Shenandoah, just to mention a few - flow through Virginia Main Street towns. Several actually run through downtown, while others are within minutes. See recent editions of the locations and were our highways and determined the locations and economies of our settlements. Virginia's mountain-rimmed lakes also provide a place to fish the quiet coves or pull up a beach chair, including Smith Mountain Lake between Bedford and Rocky Mount, Claytor Lake near Lynchburg and Manassas, the Appalachian (Rookie) League plays in Danville and Martinsville, and the Valley League prepares top college players for the pros in Harrisonburg, Luray, Staunton, Waynesboro and Winchester.

Cast your line. Whether it's fishing, tubing, kayaking or canoeing that floats your boat, you can float it right to the edge of Main Street downtown. Some of America's most storied and

Saddle up. Horse lovers can admire the ponies during frequent competitions at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington and Commonwealth Park near Culpeper, or catch the races at Virginia's Gold Cup Steeplechase at Great Meadows outside Warrenton and The Montpelier Hunt Races at James Madison's Montpelier near Orange. Then saddle up your own mount for a nice trail ride in a Virginia state park!

Take me out to the ballgame. Plan a trip to catch tomorrow's major leaguers and compare the "stadium steaks" (a.k.a. hot dogs) in intimate, affordable ballparks across Virginia. The Carolina Lynx plays in Danville and Martinsville, and the Valley League prepares top college players for the pros in Harrisonburg, Luray, Staunton, Waynesboro and Winchester.

Location, location, location. Talk about a view: Waynesboro sits where the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive intersect, and, along with Marion and Luray, is near the Appalachian Trail. Virginia's beautiful rivers meander through many Main Street communities, including Radford, which is located on the New River, a designated American Heritage River.

Small communities with large reputations. Mountain Dew soft drink bubbled onto the national scene from Marion. Martinsville claims the distinction of being the largest manufacturer of grandfather clocks and home to the largest chair plant under one roof. Orange is the site of the largest Harley Davidson and John Deere dealerships on the East Coast. Harrisonburg is the largest agricultural-producing area in the state. Step aside, Bigfoot—Culpeper takes the "size" prize with the dinosaur footprints found in a local quarry.

You could be a star! Hang around a Main Street community long enough and you may end up seeing your face on the silver screen. Main Street communities have played host to film crews for "What About Bob?" (Bedford), "Devce Coupe" (Franklin), "Sommerby" (Lexington), "Hush" and "Hannibal" (Orange), and "Assault at West Point" (Staunton). And "Dirty Dancing" was filmed at Mountain Lake, just 35 minutes north of Radford.

■ Site of the largest Civil War Cavalry engagement, largest encampment and more than 100 battles and skirmishes (Culpeper)

■ "Wreck of Old 97" and last Capitol of the Confederacy (Danville)

■ Manassas National Battlefield, First & Second Battle of Bull Run (Manassas)

■ Attempted assassination of Colonel John Singleton Mosby (railroad station in Warrenton)

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A must for history buffs. Did you know that Bedford lost more men per capita than any other U.S. community during the D-Day Invasion? A major turning point in the Revolutionary War took place near South Boston, with the "Crossing of the Dan." Did you know that President Theodore

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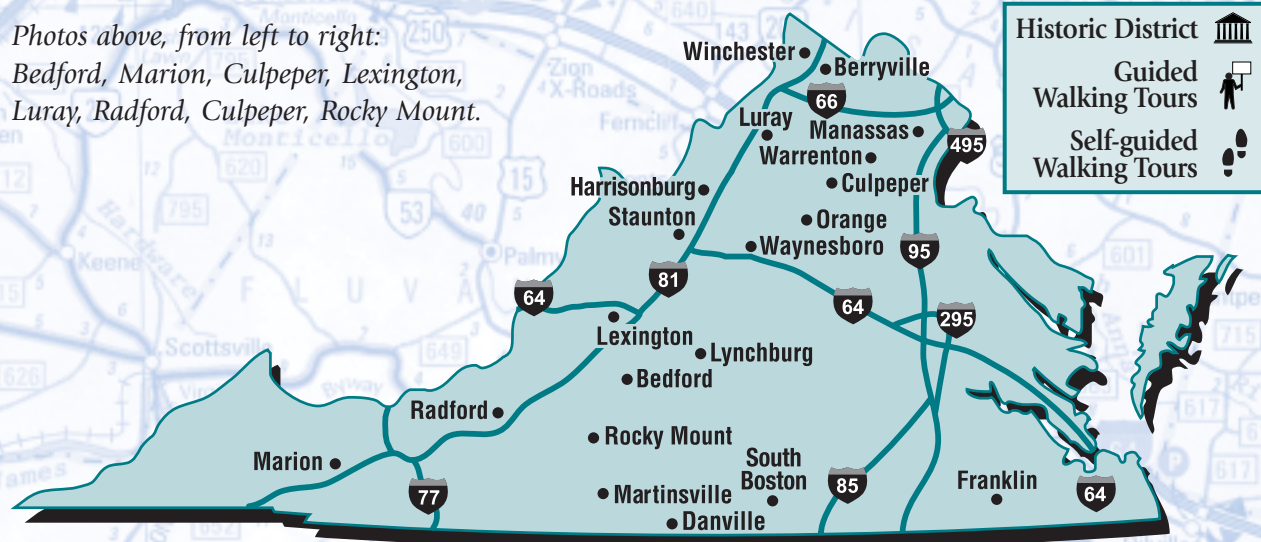
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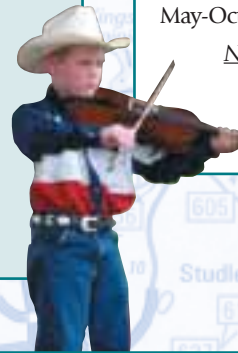
Photos above, from left to right:
Bedford, Marion, Culpeper, Lexington,
Luray, Radford, Culpeper, Rocky Mount.



Historic District
Guided Walking Tours
Self-guided Walking Tours

BEDFORD

Attractions: Bedford City/County Museum, Bower Center for the Performing Arts
Architectural Gems: 1836 Greek Revival Avenel Plantation, 1905 Colonial Revival Depot, 1930 Georgian Revival Courthouse
Special Events: Hunter's Retreat: The Battle at Liberty (July), Bedford Blues & BBQ (August), Centerfest (September)
Nearby: National D-Day Memorial, Smith Mountain Lake, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Peaks of Otter



BERRYVILLE

Attractions: Clarke County Historical Association Museum
Architectural Gems: 1820 Federal Hawthorne House, Mid-1800s cast iron front Masonic Hall, Circa 1839 Neo-classical Clarke County Courthouse
Special Events: Music in the Park (May-September), Main Street Craft Market (second Saturday, May-October), Berryville Barns Festival (September)
Nearby: Burwell-Morgan Mill, Historic Long Branch, Holy Cross Abbey: retreat house/bakery/monastery, State Arboretum of Virginia

CULPEPER

Attractions: A.P. Hill Boyhood Home, Museum of Culpeper History, National Cemetery
Architectural Gems: 1813 Italianate Virginia Hotel, 1874 Classical Revival Courthouse, 1902 Beaux Arts Fairfax Masonic Lodge, 1904 Italianate Depot
Special Events: 4th of July Celebration and Antique Car & Bike Show (July), 3rd Thursday Concert Series (June-August), Taste of Culpeper (October)
Nearby: Brandy Station, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Kelly's Ford & Wilderness Battlefields, Prince Michel Winery, Old House Vineyards, Gray Ghost Winery, Unicorn Winery

DANVILLE

Attractions: Danville Science Center, Fine Arts & History Museum in 1857 Mansion, Natural Science Museum in restored depot, River Walk Trails
Architectural Gems: 1921 Commercial Gothic Masonic Building, 1926 Classical Municipal Building, Victorian homes of "Millionaires' Row," Tobacco Warehouse District, Historic Mill District
Special Events: Victorian Walking Tour (year-round), DDA Shamrock 5K Foot Race (March), July 4th celebration at the Crossing (July)
Nearby: Virginia International Raceway, Smith Mountain Lake, Armored Tank Museum



LYNCHBURG

Attractions: Amazeement Square Children's Museum, Historic Courthouse Museum, Old City Cemetery, Legacy Museum of African-American History, Blackwater Creek Trail
Architectural Gems: 1791 Miller-Claytor House, Tobacco Warehouses from the 1800s, 1905 Classical Academy of Music Theatre, 1925 Baroque Monument Terrace, Six Historic Residential Districts
Special Events: Batteau Festival (June), Friday Cheers (May-August), Jamboree by the James (September)
Nearby: Point of Honor, Anne Spencer House, Appomattox Court House, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Historic Sandusky, Blue Ridge Parkway

MANASSAS

Attractions: Jennie Dean Memorial, The Loy E. Harris Pavilion, The Manassas Museum, 1914 Victorian Train Depot
Architectural Gems: 1893 Victorian Courthouse, 1896 Victorian National Bank, 1900 Victorian Virginia Bank Building, 1906 Victorian Conner Building
Special Events: Manassas Home & Garden Show (May), July 4th Celebration (July), Fall Jubilee (October), Merry Old Town (December)
Nearby: Freedom Museum at the Manassas Regional Airport, Manassas National Battlefield Park, Old Rose Garden at Ben Lomond Manor House, Potomac Mills Outlets, Washington, D.C.

FRANKLIN

Attractions: Barrett's Landing Riverfront Park
Architectural Gems: Circa 1900 Richardsonian Romanesque Train Station, 1916 Neo-Classical Post Office
Special Events: Easter Parade (Spring), Summer Concert Series on the Riverfront (May-September), Fall Festival (October)
Nearby: Rawls Museum of Arts, The Elms

MARION

Attractions: 1889 Schoolhouse Museum, 1929 Mayan Revival Lincoln Theatre, River Trails
Architectural Gems: 1905 Neo-classical Revival Courthouse, 1924 Commercial Vernacular Goolsby Building (office of Sherwood Anderson), 1929 Francis Marion Hotel, 1935 Federal Post Office
Special Events: Lunchtime on the Lawn (June-August), Downtown Days Festival (July), Halloween Madness/Mountain Dew Day Parade (October)
Nearby: Hungry Mother State Park, Smyth County Museum, Davis Valley Winery, Settler's Museum of Southwestern Virginia, Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area



MARTINSVILLE

Attractions: Furniture Outlet Row, Virginia Museum of Natural History, Piedmont Arts Association (gallery)
Architectural Gems: 1914 Classical Revival Masonic Temple, 1925 Classical Revival First National Bank Building, 1929 Greek Revival Henry County Courthouse with columns from the 1824 structure
Special Events: TGIF Outdoor Summer Concerts (April-September), Virginia Indian Heritage Festival (September), Octoberfest (October)
Nearby: Martinsville Speedway (NASCAR), Philpott Lake, Fairystone State Park, Smith River, Reynolds Homestead



ORANGE

Attractions: The Arts Center In Orange, James Madison Museum, Orange County Historical Society
Architectural Gems: 1833 Roman Revival St. Thomas' Episcopal Church with Tiffany window, 1859 Italianate Courthouse, 1910 Colonial Revival Depot
Special Events: Orange Street Festival (September), Arts Alive! (June-August), Orange Holiday Open House (December)
Nearby: James Madison's Montpelier, Exchange Hotel Civil War Museum, Barbourville Vineyards, Horton Cellars

WARRENTON

Attractions: Circa 1808 Old Jail Museum, Monument to Chief Justice John Marshall, Civil War Memorial
Architectural Gems: 1820 Federal Commercial/Residential Marshall Building, 1850 Late Federal California Building, 1876 Italianate Warren Green Hotel Building, 1890 Classical Revival Old Courthouse
Special Events: Children's and Pet's Parade (July), Christmas Tree Lighting (December), Christmas in Old Town (December)
Nearby: Mosby Heritage Area, Sky Meadows State Park, seven wineries

STAUNTON

Attractions: Antique Fire Engine Museum, Bank History Museum, American Shakespeare Center, Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Museum
Architectural Gems: 1856 Gothic Revival Trinity Church with a dozen Tiffany Windows, 1902 bungalow-inspired C&O Depot, 1903 Beaux Arts National Valley Bank Building, 1913 Italian Renaissance Revival Dixie Theatre
Special Events: Victorian Spring Festival (April), African American Heritage Festival (September), Christmas Parade (November)
Nearby: The Museum of American Frontier Culture, The Blackfriars Playhouse, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Birthplace

SOUTH BOSTON

Attractions: The Prizery, South Boston-Halifax County Museum, Crossing of the Dan
Architectural Gems: Circa 1905 Classical Revival Prizery building, 1891 Romanesque Revival Planters and Merchants Bank, c.1910 Classical Revival Municipal Building, 1888 Classical Revival E.L. Evans Building
Special Events: Alive After 5 Summer Concert Series (May-August), Southern Heritage Harvest Festival (September), Holiday Parade (December)
Nearby: Bob Cage's Sculpture Farm, South Boston Speedway, Staunton River State Park, Berry Hill Plantation, Virginia International Raceway, Red Hill (Patrick Henry's home), Buggs Island Lake, Falkland Farms Hunting Plantation



ROCKY MOUNT

Attractions: Gateway to the Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail
Architectural Gems: 1907 Freight Depot, 1909 Greek Revival Franklin County Courthouse, 1936 Colonial Revival U.S. Post Office with WPA Mural
Special Events: First Thursdays Summer Concert Series (May-October), Greater Rocky Mount 5K Race Day (September), Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas (December)
Nearby: Blue Ridge Institute and Museum, Booker T. Washington National Monument, Ferrum College, Franklin County Speedway, Smith Mountain Lake Resort Area and State Park

WAYNESBORO

Attractions: Plumb House, Waynesboro Heritage Museum
Architectural Gems: 1908 Beaux Arts First National Bank, 1916-21 Gothic Revival Fishburne Military Academy, 1920 Neo-classical Revival Wayne Theater
Special Events: Virginia Outdoor Fly Fishing Festival (April), Blue Ridge Soap Box Classic (May), Virginia Fall Foliage Festival (October)
Nearby: Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, Grand Caverns Regional Park, P. Buckley Moss Museum, five wineries, Artisans Center of Virginia, The Wildlife Center of Virginia, Shenandoah Valley Arts Center



WINCHESTER

Attractions: George Washington's Office Museum, Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum, Old Courthouse Civil War Museum
Architectural Gems: 1790 Federal Red Lion Tavern, 1840 Greek Revival County Courthouse, 1900 Romanesque, English Gothic & Victorian Gothic Rouss City Hall, 1913 Beaux Arts Handley Library
Special Events: First Fridays Arts Walk (monthly), Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival (May), First Night Celebration (December 31)
Nearby: Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Glen Burnie Historic House & Gardens, Abram's Delight Museum, Belle Grove Plantation, Wayside Theatre

